

Commander's Corner
Medical Devices
Program Management Office

The Program Management Office (PMO) for Medical Devices (MD) supports the total acquisition lifecycle for all field unit medical devices supporting patient and animal care, excluding imaging systems. Under the PM MD purview are all advanced development (6.4 and 6.5) projects as well as commercial-off-the-shelf equipment replacements. Embedded within the PMO MD are the components needed to program and execute a large, comprehensive program: clinical, technical, maintenance, logistics, publications, and financial. Exclusive to the Army, PMO MD has embedded clinicians specializing in nursing, emergency medicine, pharmacy, and laboratory to quickly address equipment and consumable issues for field inquiries or in the development and revision of unit assemblages.

With the paramount goal of providing the best possible medical assemblages to the Warfighter to reduce morbidity and mortality, PMO MD employs multiple processes to meet its mission. These processes include a continuous review of existing capabilities and the adequacy of those capabilities to meet the mission, maintenance analyses and support, enhanced standardization between TDA and TOE organizations, enhanced Program Objective Memoranda (POM) strategies, dissemination of technical data, and performance-based logistics. The result of these processes is to anticipate technology changes, provide quality assurance, program and procure new equipment prior to the obsolescence of existing equipment, and sustain supportable materiel in current and projected warfighting environments.

Operations are carried out within four specific divisions as well as in the PMO MD support staff.

- **Product Manager, Acute Care:** Primarily responsible for devices in trauma and emergency medical care, medical transport, general surgery, recovery, CMS, and general medical care. Additionally, they are responsible for the Special Operations Forces Tactical Combat Casualty Care (SOF TCCC) program. Within the Acute Care Division, major developmental efforts are underway in critical care transport and sterilization. Acute Care Division manages 52 unit assemblages with 68 devices.
- **Product Manager, Ancillary Care:** Primarily responsible for devices associated with ophthalmology and optometry services, dentistry, oxygen generation and supply systems, and surgical subspecialties. Significant developmental efforts include the personal oxygen generator and the specialty surgical shelter. Ancillary Care Division manages 31 unit assemblages with 74 devices.
- **Product Manager, Medical Scientific:** Primarily responsible for devices associated with laboratory and veterinary services, blood storage and delivery devices, special purpose

test equipment, and medical equipment tool kits. Medical Scientific Division manages 80 unit assemblages with 118 devices.

- Equipment Publications: Develops and publishes unit assemblage handbooks and interactive electronic technical manuals and administers SB 8-75-S2 and SB 8-75-S8. Currently, 5 IETM CDs of 201 operator and service manuals are published along with 9 CDs of 606 operator and service manuals in pdf format.
- PMO MD Support: Provides general support to the PMO for data quality, contract sourcing, resource management, and administration.

The mission of the PMO MD is critical to the success of both the current and future missions of field medical treatment from Role 1 thru Role 3. The advantages of an integrated staff are evident in technically superior equipment that is reliable and supportable in austere environments throughout the world. The products and innovations generated within this organization will enable the Army, as well as our Sister Services, with premier medical capabilities that our front-line Soldiers depend on and know will provide the best possible clinical outcomes whenever and wherever needed.